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[Despatch Abstract.]

Alienation - Land (South Kanara) - Udipi taluk - Puttur village-
Depressed Classes Mission - Mangalore.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.



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Alienation - Land (South Kanara) Udipi taluk

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ENCLOSURES

No.

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Reference No. C.3263-26-3,

Station M A D R A S, Dated the 25th October 1926

From W. SCOTT BROWN, ESQUIRE, I.C.S.,

SECRETARY Land Revenue. and
The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, etc.
Separate-Revenue.

P.L. Moore, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

~~Resolution~~

Reference.

Read the following: -

Again - Government Order No. 305, Routine, dated
26-3-1925.

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Also - Letter from G.W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of South Kanara, No.R.O.C. A2-10867-35, Dated
5th May 1926.

An area of 34-29 acres of land in Puttur village,
Udipi Taluk, was alienated in G.O.No.Mis.,2437 Rev.Dept.,
dated 28th October 1919, communicated with B.P.No.1373
Mis. L.R. dated 1st November 1919 in favour of the
Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore for the purpose

of an agricultural settlement for Depressed classes. In connection with this office D.Dis.414-25, dated - 17th February 1925 the Board held in B.P.Mis.No.495, L.R.& Sett., dated 9th March 1925, that the land was not being managed to its satisfaction and that if no better use was made of the land in one year's time, it would be resumed. The order was duly communicated to the Secretary of the Depressed Classes Mission.

2. The Tahsildar of Udipi after personal inspection reports that there are seven cadjan huts in one of the fields alienated, viz., S.No.227 and that no other improvements worth the name have been made either by the Koragars or by the Mission during the course of the year. The question of charging assessment under condition 7 of the conditions laid down in para. 2 of the Government - Order quoted above does not therefore arise this year - also.

3. The Honorary Joint Secretary of the Mission in his letter dated 17th March 1926 (copy enclosed) remarks that the Mission has Rs.1,500/- and hopes to secure more funds. He describes therein the scheme which the Mission has decided to begin and requests that two years' time, on the same condition on which the alienation has been originally made, may be granted to the Mission to carry out the scheme. In the said letter he gives the reasons why the whole area could not be improved during these years and adds that the resumption of any portion of the land already alienated will interfere with the success of the scheme which the Mission proposes to undertake. In these circumstances I recommend an extension of one year' time for the present.

Copy of letter dated 17th March 1926.
From the Honorary Joint Secretary, Depressed Class
Mission, Mangalore.
To -the Collector of South Kanara.

In view of the fact that the time allowed by the Board of Revenue in their Misc., No. 495, dated 9th March 1925, communicated to us in your D. Dis. 3313-35-A, for - enabling the Mission to use the land in Puttur village for the purpose of an agricultural settlement, expires on the 31st March 1926, I have the honour to bring to your notice the following facts and request you to pass favourable orders.

The land in question was granted to the Mission in 1919 for forming an agricultural settlement for the Depressed classes and a period of five years was fixed for carrying out this object, which has been from time to time extended at the request of the Mission. For a long time no family could be induced to go and settle~~d~~ down on the land for want of water facilities. Efforts made by the Mission to secure funds for the purpose of digging wells were not of any avail. At last in 1921 the Government were pleased to sanction the construction of wells at their cost and it took some years for their completion. Meanwhile the Mission spent a considerable amount to enclose the land by a compound wall and later on settled nine Koraga families on the land. These Koraga families were given housing materials. The Mission could not help for want of funds in putting up good superstructures as also render such help as was necessary to convert the land into an agricultural settlement. But the persistent efforts of the Mission to get funds have after all borne fruit and a sum of about Rs. 1,500/- has been secured for the purpose. It hopes to secure more ^{some} philanthropic gentlemen if the scheme the Mission has formulated will be worked with some success at least in the case of a few families. With the amount now available, the Mission has decided to begin the work in right earnest in accordance with a scheme which may be briefly summarised thus.

The whole extent of land will be divided into a number of plots of either 25 or 50 cents each. In each plot the Mission proposes to build a house of approved pattern with a raised plinth, ~~and~~ ^{mud} walls and thatched roofing, using casurina posts as pillars wherever necessary. Each settler will be given a plot together with the houses situated on it for his use. While the settler will remain ~~in~~ a tenant of the Mission in regard to land the Mission proposed to collect the value of the superstructure in annual instalments within a period of 10 or 15 years so that at the end of that period the settler will become the owner of the house. To facilitate easy payment without undue hardship no efforts will be spared to construct the houses at minimum cost. The instalments are not likely to be big as the Mission does not propose to charge any interest on the amount spent on the superstructures. The instalments amounts thus collected will be set apart for the purpose of improving the colony by providing such amenities as may be considered necessary. As regards the terms on which the Mulgeni lease will be granted will ~~be~~ almost be the same as those on which the Government gives lands to the members of the Depressed Class except for the fact that the Mission will be the pattadar and the settlers will be the tenants of the Mission. As the Mission has been started with the purpose of serving the interests of the Depressed classes, it is not too much to say that utmost freedom will be enjoyed by the tenants, the Mission interfering only in matters relating to the uplift of the community. The advantages to the settlers who will be under the moral influence of an organised body like the Mission are so many that the fact of their being the tenants of the Mission is of little consequence when considered from the point of view of the community as a whole. Moreover the Mission proposes to charge rents equal to double the amount of assessment paid to Government. It is proposed to utilise the balance of amount remaining after paying the assessment

for some common purpose beneficial to the settlers. For this purpose a separate fund will be created for each colony. As the extent of land is very large and as member of one particular community alone cannot be induced to settle down in sufficient numbers, the Mission proposes to divide the land into two sections reserving one section exclusively for the Koragars as there are already five families living on the land.

I may be permitted to add that the Mission is arranging to hold night classes to settlers and carry on some kind of Adult Education work amongst them so that while the colony being developed as an agricultural settlement attention will be paid to their moral development as well. The Mission has made arrangements with the Agricultural Department to have some cocoanut ^{work} ~~will~~ and other plantations and this ~~will~~ will be commenced as soon as the monsoon begins. Meanwhile the ground will be prepared for this purpose. Dry system of cocoanut cultivation will be adopted.

In these circumstances the Mission will feel grateful to the Government if they can extend the period by at least two years and enable the Mission to carry out the scheme outlined above. All these years want of funds stood in the way of the Mission to utilise the land profitably. To some extent that difficulty has been removed by some funds received for the purpose. The scheme needs more funds for its completion; but a decent beginning can be made with the small amount at its disposal. If success attends the efforts of the Mission they are hopeful of securing more funds for the purpose. But it is a question of time. The Mission is immediately arranging to divide the lands into plots and clear the land for the purpose of starting the plantations. The families already living will be settled on these plots and fresh settlers

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also will be allowed to occupy the land. For want of sufficient water it is feared that it may not be possible to commence building operations and complete the superstructures before the monsoon begins. If it is not possible to build houses before the monsoon, the building operations will be commenced soon after the monsoon ceases and the whole work will be completed before the end of the next financial year. The District Labour Officer has been requested to forward all applications for grant of lands to the Mission and that will help the Mission to grant land in all deserving cases. Therefore, it is again prayed that the Government may be pleased to sanction an extension of period for the two years - more on the same conditions on which the grant has been originally made and enable the Mission to carry out the comprehensive scheme for agricultural settlements already outlined as far as its funds can permit. It is the opinion of the Mission that resumption of any portion of the land allotted to the Mission will interfere with the success of the scheme they propose to undertake.

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Letter from Sir George F. Paddison, K.B.E., C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Labour, Madras, No.D.C. 3252/35, dated 25th -
September 1926.

REFERENCE:-

Submitted to Government.

2. The Commissioner of Labour who was consulted in the matter is satisfied that the Mission is making an earnest attempt to turn the lands to good account and he recommends - that the Mission may be granted an extension of time for one year from the date of order to carry out the scheme. The Board supports the recommendation of the Commissioner of Labour.

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. 2437, Rev, dated 28. 10. 1924.
" " " " 305 Rev " 26. 3 1925.

READ ALSO :-

C. No. 4117 A, From the Bd of Rev, LRS Ref No. C-3263/, dated 25-X-1926.
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ORDER.

No. 1923, dated 5-XI-1926

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The Govt approve the proposals of the Board of Revenue to grant an extension of time for one year from the date of this order, to the Depressed Classes Mission, May, to enable it to carry out its scheme for agricultural settlements for the Depressed classes, on the lands alienated to it in G.O. No. 2437, Revenue of 28.1

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